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Education:

University of Massachusetts Lowell, School of Criminology and Justice Studies

Ph.D, Criminology (est. May, 2019)

Option: Terrorism

M.A., Criminal Justice (2014)

Graduate Certificate: Security Studies (GPA: 4.0)

B.S., *summa cum laude*, Criminal Justice (2013)

Concentration: Information and Technology

Teaching Experience [Instructor of Record]:

CRIM.3800 – Selected Topics in Criminal Justice: United States Domestic Terrorism (Fall 2015)
CRIM.3980 – Criminal Justice Data Analysis (Spring 2016; Summer 2016; Spring 2017)
CRIM.1010 – The Criminal Justice System (Fall 2016, Summer 2017)
CRIM.2480 – Terrorism (International and Domestic) (Spring 2018)

Publications – Peer Reviewed Articles:

Sweeney, Matthew (In press). *Who can be a Leaderless Resistor: A Case Study Test of Literature-Based Assumptions of Leaderless Resistance*. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*. DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2017.1407480.

Conference Posters and Presentations:

Perliger, Arie & **Sweeney, Matthew**. *The Nature and Causes of “Spontaneous” Terrorist Attacks*. International Studies Association-International Security Studies Section and International Security and Arms Control Section Annual Conference. October 13-14, 2017. Washington, D.C.

Dmello, Jared, **Sweeney, Matthew**, & Perliger, Arie. *The Violence of Political Empowerment: Electoral Success and the Facilitation of Political Violence*. International Studies Association-International Security Studies Section and International Security and Arms Control Section Annual Conference. October 13-14, 2017. Washington, D.C.

Perliger, Arie, Dmello, Jared, & **Sweeney, Matthew**. *The Violence of Political Empowerment:*

Electoral Success and the Facilitation of Political Violence. Society for Terrorism Research. August 14-15, 2017. New York, New York.

Sweeney, Matthew. *The Influence of Decentralization in Authority and Support: The Sovereign Citizen Movement's use of Online Platforms*. Terrorism and Social Media Conference. June 27, 2017. Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom

Harris, Christopher and **Sweeney, Matthew**. *Police Union Contracts: An Analysis of Large Cities*, American Society of Criminology. November 17, 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sweeney, Matthew. *Ideological Leaderless Resistance: A Contextual Leaderless Resistance of the Phineas Priesthood*. The 4th Cadet/Student Conference on Terrorism, Insurgency, & Asymmetric Conflicts. United States Military Academy at West Point. April 5, 2016. West Point, New York *

Sweeney, Matthew. *Examination of Geographic and Operational Displacement Among African Maritime Piracy*, American Society of Criminology. November 20, 2015, Washington, D.C.

Sweeney, Matthew, Asbaga, John, Greenberg, Edward, and Malgorzata, Zuber. *The Effect of Fear on Attitudes toward Security*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. March 3, 2015, Orlando, Florida.

Invited Speaking Engagements:

Tea Time Speaker Series: Domestic Terrorism from a Law Enforcement Perspective. Mount Wachusett Community College. September 26, 2016.

John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: Odyssey Series: Critical Issues in Terrorism and Counter Terrorism. The Resurgence of the Extreme Right. Center for Terrorism and Security Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell. April 8, 2017.

Work Experience:

(8/2015-) Doctoral Teaching Fellow, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA

- Instructor of record for undergraduate courses in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, as assigned.
- Developed class material, assessments, and evaluated student performance.

(6/2016-12/2017, 6/2016-9/2016) Research Assistant, Shannon Community Safety Initiative School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA

(6/2016-7/2016) Program Staff, Center for Terrorism and Security Studies Study Abroad Summer Semester, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Braga and Lisbon, Portugal

(5/2015-7/2015) Student Trainee, Government Accountability Office, United States Federal Government, Boston, MA

- Assisted in production of the 2015 capping report on the implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, Modernization Act, report available under “Technical Papers”.
- (9/2014-5/2015) Teaching Assistant, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
- (10/2010-5/2014) Resident Adviser, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
- (7/2013-8/2013) Intern, Special Investigations Unit, Office of Police, Security, and Outside Services Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- (6/2012-7/2012) Intern, Boston Regional Intelligence Center, Boston Police Department, Boston, MA
- (6/2011-7/2011) Legislative Intern, Massachusetts House of Representatives, Office of State Representative Tom Sannicandro

Academic Awards/Honors:

- Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell (2015)
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell (2013)
- Presidential Award for Academic Achievement

Professional Development:

- Graduate Student Summit, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 53rd Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado [2016]

Volunteer Experience:

- (1/2017-) Internship Facilitator, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
 - Taught and facilitated an internship experience for ten undergraduate students.
 - Oversaw student development in research related activities.
 - Guided student activity related to case selection, coding, and analysis activities.
- (1/2015-1/2016) United States Country Coordinator, National Network of PhD Thesis Writers, Terrorism Research Initiative, Lowell, MA
- (1/2007-1/2015) Social Media Coordinator/Breakout Session Coordinator/Membership Committee Member, Choroideremia Research Foundation, Springfield, MA

Professional Organization Membership:

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 American Society of Criminology, Division on Bias Crimes and Terrorism

International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section

Technical Papers:

Managing for Results: Implementation of GPRA Modernization Act Has Yielded Mixed Progress in Addressing Pressing Governance Challenges. GAO-15-819. Washington, D.C.: September 30, 2015. Retrievable at: <http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/672862.pdf>

Media Appearances

Owen, Paula J. (2016, September 26). At forum in Gardner, law enforcement officials express frustration over domestic terror. Retrieved from <http://www.telegram.com/news/20160926/at-forum-in-gardner-law-enforcement-officials-express-frustration-over-domestic-terror> on October 23, 2017.

* Invited/Funded Presentation